

Belton Christian Youth Center

2018 Sports and Recreation Handbook

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I. Purpose of this Handbook

- Explain the process of how Belton Christian Youth Center sports programs are administered.
- Explain how leagues are organized and conducted.
- Define expectations of coaches, parents, players and officials.
- Help ensure a positive experience for all involved.

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BCYC Mission Statement

The mission of the Belton Christian Youth Center is to provide Christian early childhood, after-school, sports and recreation, and summer childcare promoting Christian values through education and recreation in order to enhance the potential of all youth and strengthen families.

BCYC Sports faith

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:7

The purpose is for the young athletes to learn about the word and develop through a positive environment of coaching and mentoring.

The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him. Psalm 28:7

Goals of Belton Christian Youth Center Sports Programs

- To offer every participant the opportunity to learn the fundamental skills associated with each sport.
- To expect and ensure good sportsmanship and fair play at all times.
- To emphasize the lifelong benefits of physical fitness and good sportsmanship.
- To ensure a safe, drug-free atmosphere for games and practices.
- To promote equal and fair treatment of every participant regardless of skill level, race, social-economic status, sex, creed or physical ability.
- To ensure all staff, volunteer coaches and officials are adequately trained.

Belton Christian Youth Center's Philosophy of Youth Sports

The Belton Christian Youth Center sports programs are designed to provide children with the opportunity to experience sports in a structured, nourishing environment. Participation in athletics plays a valuable role in the development of our children. Aspects of teamwork, commitment, physical fitness, self-esteem and fair play contribute to the growth and maturity of young people.

National Standards for Youth Sports

1. Proper sports environment – Parents must consider and carefully choose the proper sports environment for their child, including the appropriate age and development for

participation, the type of sport, the rules of the sport, the age range of the participants and the proper level of physical and emotional stress.

2. Programs based on the well-being of children – Parents must select youth sports programs that are developed and organized to enhance the emotional, physical, social and educational well-being of children.

3. Drug, tobacco and alcohol-free environment – Parents must encourage a drug, tobacco and alcohol-free environment for their children.

4. Part of a child's life – Parents must recognize that youth sports are only a small part of a child's life.

5. Parent's active role – Parents must make a serious effort to take an active role in the youth sports experience of their child providing positive support as a spectator, coach, league administrator and/or caring parent.

6. Positive role model – Parents must be a positive role model, exhibiting sportsmanlike behavior at games, practices, and home, while also giving positive reinforcement to their child and support of their child's coaches.

7. Parental commitment – Parents must demonstrate their commitment to their child's youth sports experience.

8. Safe playing equipment – Parents must insist on safe playing facilities, healthful playing situations, and proper first aid applications, should the need arise.

9. Equal play opportunity – Parents, coaches, and league administrators must provide equal sports play opportunity for all youth regardless of race, creed, sex, economic status or ability.

10. Drug, tobacco and alcohol-free adults – Parents, coaches, fans and league administrators must be drug, tobacco and alcohol-free at youth sporting events.

II. Participation

Belton Christian Youth Center sports programs are designed to be fair and inclusive to all, no matter the skill or ability of your child. Each program has minimum play requirements for each participant by which we expect our coaches to abide.

The division to each sport are set up on active your child age for a sports should go of the how old the child is as of September 1st of that school year.

III. Player Selection

· **How players are assigned to teams/coaches** – One of the many benefits of youth sports participating is meeting new people and making new friends. With the high number of registrants that participate in programs at Belton Christian Youth Center, it is impossible for every child to be on the same team as all his/her friends or to play for his/her coach of choice. Players are selected through player assessments and a draft, which will be discussed in the following sections. The draft helps to ensure a more even distribution of talent, which helps to create a positive experience for teams and participants. After the coaches leave the draft the rosters are final. Players cannot switch teams or be traded unless circumstances exist as outlined in the trade request section.

· **Assessments**– Assessments will be conducted for each sports program at Belton Christian Youth Center prior to each draft. The purpose of assessments is so coaches can get an idea of the skill level of all the players. More information on assessments will be communicated at the time of registration.

· **Draft procedures**

- Head and assistant coaches' children will automatically be placed on his/her team in the first round of the draft.
- Draft style
 - Snake – All coaches will draw a number to determine the draft order for the first round. In round 2 the order is reversed. The order then reverses each round until all players have been drafted.

· **Notification of coach/team** – Coaches are instructed to contact all the players on his/her roster within 48 hours after the coaches' meeting/draft. If you have not heard from a coach by then, please contact the Belton Christian Youth Center office.

· **Coaches** – A coach can only be a coach for one team per age division.

IV. Practices

· **How soon they start** – Practices may start as soon as the Monday following the coaches' meeting/draft.

· **What time** – Practices are typically scheduled for 5:30p.m. or 6:30p.m., and usually last approximately one hour, depending on the sport and the age. Coaches select practice times based on their availability.

· **How often** – Typically a team will practice one time per week before games begin. Participants will not be punished if the coach has multiple practices and they can only attend one.

· **Location** – Some practices will be held at the same Belton Christian Youth Center facilities where games are played, or at other local locations secured by Belton Christian Youth Center. In some cases, a coach will secure a practice field independent of Belton Christian Youth Center on which to practice.

V. Games

· **Days of play** – Games are usually held on Saturday mornings and afternoons for each league. Schedules and game times will be communicated for each sports program and can be found at beltonyouth.com.

· **How often** – Typically schedules will be generated giving teams one to two games per week. Belton Christian Youth Center makes the best effort to ensure that each team gets to play every week and will get to play each team at least once.

· **How many** – Typically six games will be scheduled in a season. However, the number of games depends primarily on the number of participants and teams in each program.

· **Location** – Belton Christian Youth Center sports and recreation staff projects locations for each program before registration begins. These projections are based on registration numbers from the previous year and are meant to give parents an idea as to where games will be held. Although every effort will be made to stick to the projections, several varying factors can change days/locations of each age division from year to year.

· **Where/When are the schedules posted** – Game schedules are usually completed a week prior to the first games. All schedules will be posted on the Belton Christian Youth Center website under the recreation tab at <https://www.beltonyouth.com/recreation>.

· **Cancelations** – The decision whether or not to play games due to weather will be made as quickly as possible for the convenience of parents and players. As soon as a decision is made, an email will be sent out to the coaches and the Facebook page will be updated with

the announcement. The coaches will then contact each parent to inform him or her of the cancellation. We ask that you please do not call Belton Christian Youth Center to enquire about field status. If dates are available for rescheduled games that are cancelled, they will be made-up, however in some cases, the decision may be made to not make-up games.

· **Staff** – Belton Christian Youth Center staff will be present during all games, and will be available to answer any questions or concerns

VI. League Website – www.beltonyouth.com/recreation

The following information can be found at the league website,

www.beltonyouth.com/recreation

- **Game schedules** – listed by division, team, or location
- **BCYC staff contact information**
- **Game rules**

VII. Emergency Planning / Risk Management

Emergency action plan for Belton Christian Youth Center

- Coach information
 - Whenever working with youth athletes, all head and assistant coaches are responsible for the following:
 - Knowing the location of the nearest emergency telephone.
 - Having a first aid kit available.
 - Knowing and implementing the proper emergency procedures as detailed below.
 - The emergency plan of action for Belton Christian Youth Center athletics uses the three American Red Cross first aid steps listed below:
 - CHECK: First aid assessment to determine the necessity for assistance
 - CALL: If assistance is needed, determine if the injury is life threatening.
 - For a life-threatening situation, send a responsible person to call 911.
 - CARE: Remain with the injured athlete and provide appropriate first aid until either the certified athletic trainer or EMS arrives to take over.
- Most injuries fall into one of three categories

1) Athlete should be transported to a hospital or emergency care facility – Call 911.

(If military, direct EMS to Eisenhower; otherwise, send EMS to hospital.)

- Direct blow to the abdomen, which results in vomiting, severe pain or signs of shock. (Rapid, weak pulse, drowsiness, shallow but rapid respirations, cool, clammy and pale skin.)
- A head injury with any loss of consciousness, vomiting, severe headache, slurred speech, tingling or numbness in both extremities, or is unable to communicate.
- Any severe bleeding that cannot be controlled in a few minutes with direct compression, elevation and application of ice.
- An injury to an extremity that results in severe loss of function, circulation or sensation.
- Any obvious fracture or deformity of a major limb.
- A student-athlete showing signs of distress or shock.

2) Athlete should not continue and needs further care before returning.

- An athlete has experienced a head injury.
- Athlete is bleeding. May not continue until bleeding is fully stopped and others will not be at risk of exposure.
- Athlete is favoring injured part in any way (ex. limping) or has pain with activity.
- The injury does not seem serious, but the student-athlete does not want to, or coach feels he or she should not continue.

3) Athlete can continue participating

- Injury is to an extremity and student-athlete is fully functional. (i.e. no limping, can run, sprint, cut, hop and do a full squat all without pain.)
- Athlete is not bleeding, and the wound dressed so that others are not at risk of exposure.
- Athlete is in no other distress and wants to continue.
- Keep watching the athlete for signs of favoring the injured area or other indications that the injury is worse than first expected. When in doubt, always go on the safe side. If there is a question, call the athletic trainer. The head athletic trainer should be notified of any injury as soon as possible.

Head Injuries/Concussions

- If your child has suffered a head injury during athletic participation, she/he will need to rest and avoid any strenuous activity. Please do not give your child any medications unless directed to do so by a physician. We need to know all the symptoms your child is experiencing to manage them properly.
- The below symptoms are those that your child would be experiencing. **If these symptoms persist, worsen or are compounded by other symptoms, please seek immediate medical attention.***

Signs to watch for:

Problems could arise over the first 24-48 hours.

You should not be left alone and must go to a hospital at once if you:

- Have a headache that gets worse
- Are very drowsy or can't be awakened (woken up).
- Can't recognize people or places.
- Have repeated vomiting.
- Behave unusually or seem confused; are very irritable.
- Have seizures (arms and legs jerk uncontrollably).
- Have weak or numb arms or legs.
- Are unsteady on your feet; have slurred speech.

Remember, it is better to be safe.

Return to play

Athletes should not be returned to play the same day of injury.

When returning athletes to play, they should follow a stepwise, symptom-limited program, with stages of progression. For example:

- Rest until asymptomatic (physical and mental rest).

- Light aerobic exercise (e.g. stationary cycle).
- Sport-specific exercise.
- Non-contact training drills (start light resistance training).
- Full contact training after medical clearance.
- Return to competition (game play).

There should be approximately 24 hours (or longer) for each stage and the athlete should return to step one if symptoms persist.

Lightning protocol

- In an effort to continue to create the safest environment for our youth sports participants, volunteers, parents and spectators, the Belton Christian Youth Center will monitor lightning and stop play at any sign of lightning in the area.

Safe shelter

- Athletes, coaches and spectators must be evacuated to a lightning safe shelter. A lightning safe shelter has four walls, a floor and ceiling, and plumbing and/or wiring. Fully enclosed metal-topped vehicles can serve as safe shelter.
 - Examples of unsafe shelters are: sheds, dugouts, port-a-potties, golf carts and convertibles.

VIII. Child Abuse

If maltreatment of a child is reasonably suspected, a report should be made with Child Protective Services, so that a qualified and experienced professional can investigate the situation. If immediate assistance is required call the Bell County Sheriff's dispatch at , [\(254\) 933-5412](tel:254-933-5412) or if it is an emergency call 911. Before filing a report please inform Belton Christian Youth Center of the situation.

There are four types of abuse to be aware of:

1. **Emotional** – This is a pattern of behavior that attacks a child's emotional development and sense of self-worth.

Examples include constant criticizing, belittling, insulting, rejection and providing no love, guidance, or support. Emotional abuse is sometimes referred to as verbal abuse or mental abuse.

2. **Sexual** – This is the exploitation of a child for the sexual gratification of an adult. It may range from exhibitionism and fondling to intercourse or use of a child in the production of pornographic materials.

3. **Physical** – This is non-accidental physical injury which is inflicted by another person and may include severe beatings, burns, human bites, strangulation or immersion in scalding water, with bruises, welts, broken bones, scars or serious internal injuries resulting.

4. **Neglect** – This is the withholding of, or failure to provide a child with the basic necessities of life – food, clothing, shelter, medical care, attention to hygiene or supervision needed for optimal physical growth and development.

Tips to prevent false accusations:

- Avoid being alone with a child
- Stay within sight of others

- Respect privacy
- Avoid sexual jokes, comments, or gestures
- Set and respect boundaries

IX. Coaches

There will be a training session during the draft to provide BCYC expectations for each sports season.

Qualities and skills Belton Christian Youth Center looks for in a volunteer coach are:

- **Integrity** – a good coach should respect and understand the need for rules. He/she should never attempt to circumvent the rules in any way.
- **Enthusiasm** – adding emotion to effort. A good coach must show enthusiasm in order to encourage and excite his/her players.
- **Patience** – A good coach should not push children beyond their limits in terms of practice. Create an environment of learning and fun, not one of stress and negativity.
- **Sportsmanship** – Set the example. All the kids on your team and their parents are watching how you react to a bad call or treat the other team's coaches, players and fans. Show them that you win and lose with class and respect.
- **Perspective** – Understand that there are far more important things in life than losing a game in youth sports.

Everyone should want to do well and everyone should want to win, but losing a game is not the end of the world. A youth sports coach's success is measured by the respect he/she gains from players, parents, and officials – not wins and losses.

- **Positive attitude** – A coach should encourage his/her players. Avoid negative remarks towards players and officials. Creating a positive environment during games and practices will be more enjoyable for all involved.
- **Preparation** – Have an organized plan for practices. Be familiar with the rules of the game and policies of the league.
- **Communication** – Be accessible to parents. Keep them in the loop with plans and schedules. Setting up an email distribution list with all the parents on your roster is a great way to keep good lines of communication.
- **Concern for safety** – A coach should always consider the safety and well-being of his/her players above anything else. If there is a safety concern, you need assistance with contact your league coordinator immediately.

Background Screening

To ensure that the participants involved in Belton Christian Youth Center's programs receive the highest quality experience, all potential volunteer youth sports coaches must go through BCYC's background screening process.

Background screening assists BCYC staff in selecting the most qualified individuals who understand the organization's goals, as well as excluding individuals that have certain criminal histories or histories that suggest they may be a potential risk to young athletes.

- **Application Form** – This form must be completed by all potential coaches for all volunteer positions. Every potential volunteer must complete the form regardless of how long they have been associated with Belton Christian Youth Center.

Expected Behavior

- Using appropriate language in appropriate tones when interacting with league officials, game officials, parents and spectators.
- Including all players in team activities without regard to race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, body type, national origin, ancestry, disability, ability or any other legally protected classification.
- Treating all players, league officials, game officials, parents and spectators with dignity and respect.
- Playing all players according to the equal participation rules established by the league and the spirit of those rules.
- Encouraging youth to participate in other sports and activities to promote all aspects of their development.
- Allowing reasonable absences from practice.
- I WILL TREAT EACH PLAYER AS AN INDIVIDUAL, REMEMBERING THE LARGE RANGE OF EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE SAME AGE GROUP.
- Recognizing the differences of each child and treating each player as an individual while demonstrating concern for their individual needs and well-being.
- Encouraging all players, regardless of skill level, to be included as a member of the team and to remain involved in sports.
- Recognizing that youth may vary greatly in physical, social and emotional maturation and considering these factors when setting up competitions and when interacting with youth.
- Recognizing that some physical tasks, drills and demands are not appropriate for all youth.
- I WILL DO MY BEST TO PROVIDE A SAFE PLAYING SITUATION FOR MY PLAYERS.
- Maintaining a high level of awareness of potentially unsafe conditions.
- Protecting players from sexual molestation, assault and physical or emotional abuse.
- Correcting or avoiding unsafe practice or playing conditions.
- Using appropriate safety equipment necessary to protect all players.
- Seeing that the players are provided with adequate adult supervision while under the coach's care.
- I WILL PROMISE TO REVIEW AND PRACTICE THE BASIC FIRST AID PRINCIPLES NEEDED TO TREAT INJURIES OF MY PLAYERS.
- Keeping basic first aid supplies available in all practice and game situations.
- Recognizing and administering proper first aid to an injured player
- Demonstrating concern for an injured player, notifying parents and league coordinators, and cooperating with medical authorities.
- Protecting the players' well-being by removing them from activity when injured and not returning them to activity if they are compromised by injury.
- I WILL DO MY BEST TO ORGANIZE PRACTICES THAT ARE FUN AND CHALLENGING FOR ALL MY PLAYERS.
- Establishing practice plans that are interesting, varied, productive and aimed at improving all players' skills and individual abilities.
- Devoting appropriate time to the individual improvement of each player.

- Conducting practices of reasonable length and intensity appropriate for the age and conditioning of the players.
- I WILL LEAD BY EXAMPLE IN DEMONSTRATING FAIR PLAY AND SPORTSMANSHIP TO ALL MY PLAYERS.
- Adopting the position, teaching and demonstrating that it is our basic moral code to treat others as we would like to be treated.
- Abiding by and supporting the rules of the game as well as the spirit of the rules.
- Providing an environment conducive to fair and equitable competition.
- Using the influential position of youth coach as an opportunity to promote, teach and expect sportsmanship and fair play.
- I WILL PROVIDE A SPORTS ENVIRONMENT FOR MY TEAM THAT IS FREE OF DRUGS, TOBACCO, AND ALCOHOL AND I WILL REFRAIN FROM THEIR USE AT ALL BELTON CHRISTIAN YOUTH RECREATION AND SPORTS EVENTS.
- Being alcohol and drug free at all team activities or in the presence of your players.
- Refraining from the use of any type of tobacco products at all team activities or in the presence of your players.
- Encouraging parents to refrain from the public use of tobacco products or alcohol at team activities.
- I WILL BE KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THE RULES OF EACH SPORT THAT I COACH, AND I WILL TEACH THESE RULES TO MY PLAYERS.
- Becoming knowledgeable, understanding and supportive of all applicable game rules, league rules, regulations and policies.
- Teaching and requiring compliance of these rules among players.
- I WILL USE THOSE COACHING TECHNIQUES APPROPRIATE FOR EACH OF THE SKILLS THAT I TEACH.
- Teaching techniques that reduce the risk of injury to both the coach's own players and their opponents.
- Discouraging illegal contact or intentionally dangerous play and administering swift and equitable discipline to players involved in such activity.
- I WILL REMEMBER THAT I AM A YOUTH SPORTS COACH, AND THAT THE GAME IS FOR CHILDREN AND NOT FOR ADULTS.
- Maintaining a positive, helpful and supportive attitude.
- Exercising your authority/influence to control the behavior of the fans and spectators.
- Exhibiting gracious acceptance of defeat or victory.
- Accepting and adhering to all league rules and policies related to the participation of adults and youth.
- Fulfilling the expected role of a youth coach to adopt a "children first" philosophy.
- Allowing and encouraging the players to listen, learn and play hard within the rules.
- Placing the emphasis on fun and participation.

Violations of the Code of Conduct/Ethics

Possible actions include:

- Warning to the coach accompanied by apology from the coach
- Probation
- One game suspension
- Multiple game suspension
- Season suspension
- Permanent revocation of certification, thus inability to continue as a BCYC coach

Factors that might suggest a more lenient sanction include:

- First offense
- Remorse
- Apparent desire to reform
- Other good coaching attributes
- History of dedication to youth sports

Factors that might suggest a harsher sanction include:

- Child endangerment
- Violation of law
- Prior violations
- Lack of remorse
- Number of ethics canons violated
- Number of expected behaviors violated
- Breach of duties as a role model
- Extraordinarily poor judgment around children
- Lying or not being forthcoming

X. Parents/Spectators

Code of Ethics

In order for a program to be truly successful, it takes the cooperation of players, coaches, officials, league administrator, spectators and especially parents. Parents and spectators are expected to read, understand and abide by the following:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice or other youth sports event.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will remember that the game is for youth – not adults.
- I will do my very best to make sure youth sports remain fun for my child.

- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, ability or religion.
- I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach and that the coach upholds the coaches' code of ethics.

Corrective Action

Parents who do not follow the above code of ethics will be subject to corrective action. It is the philosophy of Belton Christian Youth Center recreation that parents should not spoil the experience of participation in youth sports for the children. The following guidelines have been established for addressing problems with parents/spectators.

Note: These guidelines are not absolute in dealing with behavioral problems. Severe situations could warrant harsher sanctions.

1. Verbal warning – League administrator and/or coach will discuss the undesirable conduct with parents and stress that this behavior will not be tolerated. Coach will document this conversation and submit to BCYC.
2. Written warning – League administrator, coach or official will notify BCYC of continued breach of code of ethics and BCYC will arrange a meeting with the parents. A formal letter of reprimand will be given to the parent stating that the next offense could lead to a suspension or ban.
3. Game suspension – A letter of suspension will be drafted by BCYC staff explaining that the parent will be banned from attending the team's next scheduled contest. The next offense could result in a season-long suspension.
4. Season-long suspension – The parent will be banned from attending any future league contests. The parent will remain on suspension until a formal request for re-instatement is made. BCYC will review the re-instatement request and determine if the suspension will be lifted

XI. Participants

Code of Conduct

In order for a program to be truly successful, it takes the cooperation of players, coaches, officials, league administrator, spectators and especially parents. Participants are expected to read, understand and abide by the following code of ethics:

- I will demonstrate and encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at every game and practice.
- I will attend every practice and game that I can, and will notify my coach if I cannot attend.
- I will expect to receive a fair and just amount of playing time.
- I will do my very best to listen and learn from my coaches.
- I will treat my coaches, other players, officials and fans with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or abilities, and will expect to be treated accordingly.
- I deserve to have fun during my sports experience and will alert parents or coaches if it stops being fun.

- I deserve to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol and expect adults to refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity because it is important to me.
- I will remember that sports are an opportunity to have fun.
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Corrective Action

Players who fail to adhere to the code of conduct may be subject to disciplinary action. Therefore, Belton Christian Youth Center has instituted a corrective action policy to establish appropriate consequences for inappropriate behavior.

Note: These guidelines are not absolute in dealing with behavioral problems. Severe situations could warrant harsher sanctions.

1. Verbal warning – Coach will discuss inappropriate conduct with the player and parents and emphasize that this behavior will not be tolerated. Coach will document this discussion and provide a copy to BCYC.
2. Period suspension – Coach will bench the offending player for a period of time during a game when he/she should be playing. Coach will inform BCYC of the problem and why the child is sitting out playing time.
3. Game suspension – Coach will bench the offending player for one entire game when he/she should be playing. Coach will inform BCYC of the third offense, at which time the player and the parent must attend a meeting with the coach and BCYC representative before the player is allowed to resume playing. The player will be warned that the next offense could result in his/her expulsion from the league.
4. League expulsion – The participant on the fourth offense may be expelled from the league and no refund will be given. The parent will need to make a formal request to be reinstated into this league. The player and parent will next meet with BCYC prior to the start of the next youth sports season to determine if the child is capable of playing within the guidelines of the program.

XII. Administrators and Officials

Belton Christian Youth Center is dedicated to raising community standards in youth sports. In order to do so, we must hold ourselves accountable by staying abreast on current topics and trends in the recreation industry. Training administrators and officials are essential in maintaining a level of professionalism and credibility in youth sports.

Administrators and Officials are expected to understand and pledge to abide by the following code of ethics:

I hereby pledge to provide support to all youth sports programs in my community, to administer youth sports programs with professionalism and in the best interest of all the children involved by following the youth sports administrator's code of ethic:

- I will run youth sports programs for the children involved, not the adults.
- I will ensure that I am knowledgeable in the area of youth sports administration.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for all participants.

- I will provide support for coaches, officials and parents to provide a positive, enjoyable experience for all.
- I will require all coaches to be trained in the responsibilities of being a volunteer within the organization.
- I will implement and enforce the national standards for youth sports.
- I promise to stay informed about current issues involving youth sports.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support of all players, coaches, fellow officials and league administrator at all times.
- I will ensure that I am knowledgeable of the rules of each sport I officiate, and apply those rules fairly to all participants, teams and coaches.
- I will not allow personal friendships and associations to influence my decisions during a contest.
- I will refrain from the use of tobacco and alcohol products when in the youth sports environment.
- I will remember that youth sports are an opportunity for children to learn and have fun.
- I will place the safety of the participants above all else.

XII. Waivers

I understand that:

This copy of the athletics policies is available to me at the front desk of the Belton Christian Youth Center and on their website. I agree to read and follow all policies/rules stated within. I also agree to discuss and explain these rules to my child/children for their safety and welfare while participating in BCYC athletics. Failure to follow the policies/rules may result in disciplinary action including, but not limited to, suspension.

Sign and Date

I understand and give my permission for BCYC:

- To take occasional photos for promotional efforts

Initial

- To transport my child for BCYC activities, field trips and special events

Initial

- To access medical attention, examination, anesthetic, diagnosis, surgery or treatment

Initial

I agree that:

The risk of injury from activities involved in this program is real and while supervision and guidelines reduce that risk, the risk of serious injury does still exist. In consideration of being allowed to participate in this program, I accept these risks and certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless BCYC officers, officials, employees, other participants, students and sponsors, from any and all liability incidents to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, even if arising from negligence, to the fullest extent of the law.

Sign and Date

I understand that BCYC:

- Will not give refunds once child is enrolled

Initial

- Is not responsible for the time and manner in which my child arrives or leaves the facilities

Initial

- Is not responsible for financial debts incurred while seeking medical treatment for my child

Initial
